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DEAD LIVE OAK STILL KICKING

Rev. W. J. Carpenter Visits the Dead (?) Dry Town.

CONDITIONS THERE AND HERE

Live Oak Business Men Do Not Cry Down the Town—Business Is Good.

Editor Star:—Live Oak is the liveliest town to be dead I ever saw. I spent two days there last week and made some investigations of interest. Of course it is dead for there are no barrooms. But my business, thrift and enterprise will astonish you. Improvements are almost everywhere. Big mills make it, you say? Yes, but these mills came after the barrooms left. Possibly one was there before, operating on a small scale, but now the business done there is simply immense. People are contented and happy. Women can walk the streets at night or on Saturday without the fear and danger that was when barrooms were there. A prominent banker told me the people had more money, and there was also more money for investment than under saloon domination. Live Oak's marshal is a little fellow, and like ours seems to have little to do.

The people of Live Oak do not go about talking against their city. I have heard of some things said by Gainesville people—men who get their living out of Gainesville—in Mayo, Lake City and Fernandina, that reflected upon our city. If the facts had been told it would have been different. I have interviewed a majority of our business men and they tell me their business is better than last year at the same time. Of course if a man talks against his business, and will anger his patrons by intemperate statements, he may not be surprised if he loses their trade.

One reputable business man told me that the country store, which sold goods cheaper than the Gainesville merchant, had not been of advantage to our town. I suppose people have to wear clothes, and eat something even if the barroom is closed.

There has not been a murder in Alachua county since she went dry, and I do not remember a period of four months before in which some one was not killed.

Acting Marshal Cronwell, a most efficient officer, did not make an arrest while Marshal Pinkson was away, a period of almost one month. Crime is fast disappearing. There is more peace in some of our homes than when the saloon was in the saddle. Our school has several pupils who were sent here because there are no saloons. Several families have moved in to get educational advantages.

Hurray for Live Oak! Hurray for Gainesville! Hurray for all the towns, Arcadia, Bartow, Lakeland, Jasper, Chipley, and others which the closing of the saloons have killed.

W. J. CARPENTER.

Florida's Dry Counties.

Editor Star:—I wrote to Hon. A. C. Croom, State Comptroller, for a list of dry counties and he sent me the following list: Baker, Calhoun, Citrus, DeSoto, Hamilton, Hernando, Holmes, LaFayette, Lake, Levy, Liberty, Manatee, Pasco, Polk, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Volusia, Waukulla, Walton and Washington—twenty-one in all. This was the report up to last January. Since June 1, Alachua, Columbia, Jackson, Jefferson and Lee, have gone dry—making a total of twenty-six. Elections have been held in LaFayette and Holmes, dry counties, and prohibition won in both cases. Really seven counties have gone dry since June 1.

An election will be held in Nassau October 13; another will come off in Osceola some time in November; Bradford will vote in January or February. Keep your eyes on Marion for she will soon fall into line.

W. J. CARPENTER.

Advertised Letters.

List of advertised letters remaining in the Gainesville, Fla., postoffice Oct. 3, 1903. Persons calling for same should say advertised, and give date. One cent is due on each letter advertised.

LADIES.

Mrs. Delia Eadyman, Miss Cassie Elxander, Miss Rebecca Franklin, Mrs. Susan Harrison, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Miss Florie Rogers, Miss Carrie Sapp, Mrs. G. M. Simmons, Miss Hattie Taylor, Miss Nora Williams.

GENTLEMEN.

Ben Bullocks, Henrietta Bush, Jno. Crumes, John Hendrick, Sam James, Berry Johnson, Laney Jackson, H. J. Kendall, C. Z. Newbern, G. Poppard, W. L. Smith, Tom Taylor, Dan Thomas, Frank Williams, W. T. Williams.

G. J. ARNOW, P. M.

Wants a Horse.—The Cable Piano Company wants to trade a good piano or organ for a good buggy horse. For further particulars call on A. L. Reeder, local manager, 407 West Court Street, Gainesville, Fla. 11Septjm.

CARPENTER AND MATHESON.

They Deliver Speeches in Nassau—Business Men for Prohibition.

The temperance forces in Nassau county know a good thing when they see it, as evidenced by the fact that they secured the services of Rev. W. J. Carpenter and Hon. Christopher Matheson, of this city, to assist them in their temperance campaign. Mr. Carpenter went to Fernandina and spoke to an appreciative audience more than a week ago and is now there again.

Mr. Matheson spent one day and two nights in the county last week. He spoke to large and encores in Fernandina last Thursday and Friday nights, and during the day Friday he spoke to several smaller audiences in the country districts. He had the best of attention at each of the places where he spoke, and the people showed a desire to learn all they could on the subject.

Both Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Matheson say that the business and professional men in Fernandina the liquor business men of course excepted—are for prohibition almost to a man. At first the wet men seemed to have no fears about the result, but since four or five counties have been voted dry quite recently and not one has been held by the liquor men they are feeling blue about Nassau, also. We believe Nassau will go dry by a good majority. When the business men, professional men and Christians unite, as they have in Nassau against the saloons, something is sure to happen.

THAT ROAD MACHINERY.

May Not Be Bought After All—Will Hardly Fill Bill.

We may yet have to build our roads by the negro, mule and cart process, for it is not believed by those who have seen the road machinery brought here by Mr. Rogers of Ocala, that it will accomplish anything like what is claimed for it by its makers.

Our county commissioners are level headed, and they will not saddle a big debt on the tax payers for road machinery unless they can see where the machinery will pay, and if it cannot be used in sand and clay—wherever roads are to be constructed—it is worthless. If we must first build rock roads for the road engine to run on we will not then need the engine.

It has been intimated by some that the commissioners are not "totting" exactly fair with Mr. Rogers, but we are in a position to know that the machine has not yet shown itself capable of doing what was claimed for it, and it is not believed that it will do what was claimed for it when the commissioners were asked to buy it.

The commissioners are doing their duty in the matter, and if they do not buy the machine—and we hardly think they will buy it—it will be because it is not what it was first represented to them as being.

Car of Oranges

E. C. Cobb, the hustling agent for the Seaboard Air Line railroad, at this point, secured for his road the first carload of oranges to be shipped from Alachua county since the great freeze of eight years ago. The oranges were grown on a grove owned by Dr. L. Montgomery, of Micanopy, and were shipped East via the S. A. L. a few days ago.

Cobb says when it comes to moving oranges marketward the old reliable S. A. L. is the "it," but just what his experience was when he called on the genial Doctor at his office (to solicit business for his road) we will leave for Mr. Cobb to tell.

Beville-Maddrey.

Married last Friday Morning at the Magnolia Hotel, Rev. T. P. Hay officiating, Mr. James Beville to Miss Martha Maddrey, of Bennington. After the marriage the happy couple left via the A. C. L. for High Springs, where they spent a short while and then returned to live in Gainesville. Congratulations are in order.

To Kill the President.

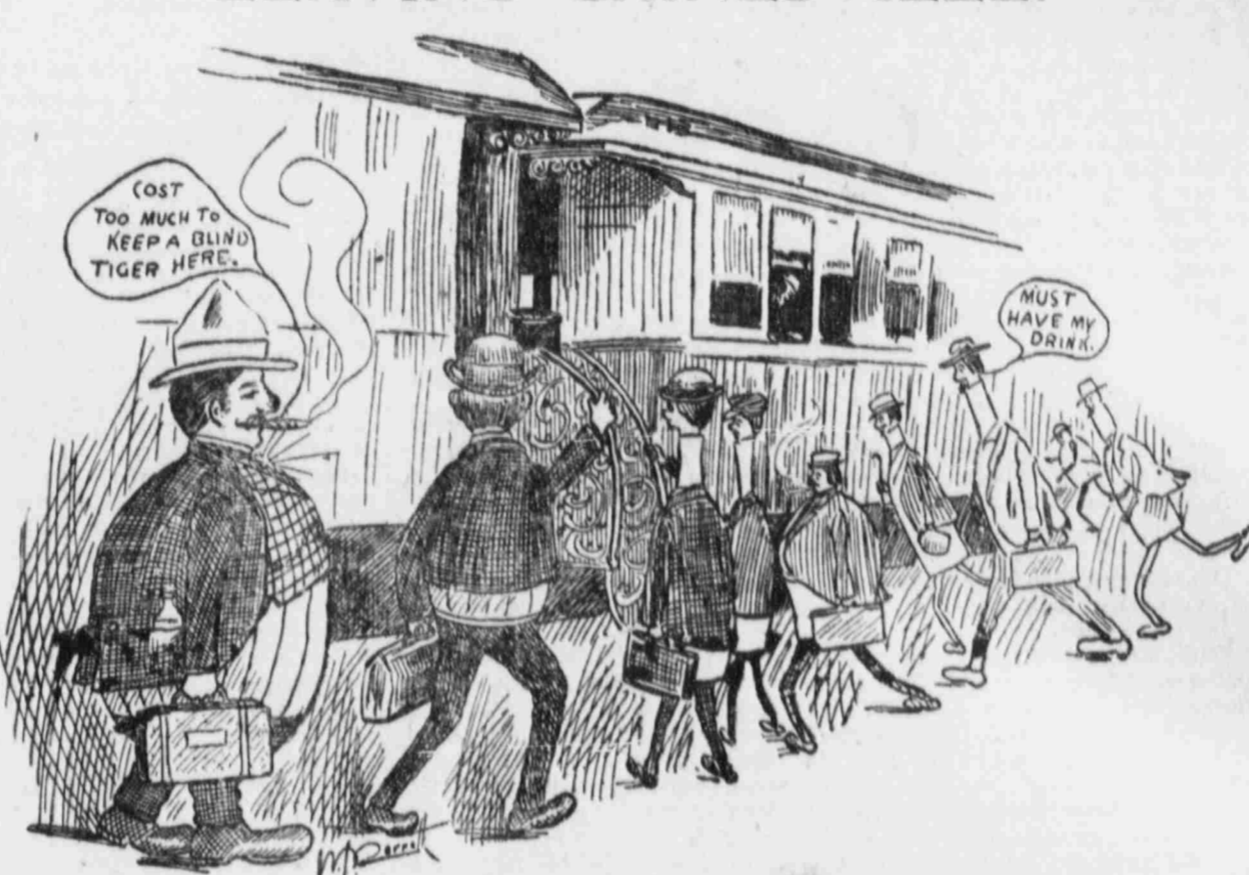
News dispatches say that a man named Peter Elliott tried to kill President Roosevelt yesterday afternoon. A watchman prevented the would-be assassin from getting at the President, but the watchman was himself badly cut.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of Alachua County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the next Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully, W. C. HAGUE.

LEAVING GAINESVILLE.



Those who are determined to sell liquor will leave Gainesville. Those who must have their drink and are willing to see a town submerged to gratify their desire may leave if they will, but the town will prosper.

ALACHUA NEWS.

Happenings in That Live Town—From the Hustler, Oct. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Gainesville were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. R. T. Frederick of Newberry spent Monday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Anderson of Hagan was in town Wednesday to have dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hutchinson of Gainesville spent a short time in Alachua Monday.

Miss Julia Duke, daughter of Mr. T. A. Duke, member of school board, entered school here this week.

Mr. R. T. Turner was called to Nashville, Ga., Wednesday to the bedside of his brother who is critically ill.

Miss Lottie Rivers entertained at Elmhurst Tuesday night. Those present were Miss Mamie Thigpen, Claude Maynard, Raleigh Rivers and Oat Parker.

Miss Hattie Fowler of Melrose has accepted a position in C. A. William's dry goods store, where she will be pleased to have her friends call and see her.

Capt. W. H. Dixon, yard master at Savannah, was killed at that place Friday night, being caught between the cars and crushed to death. His remains were interred at High Springs.

W. E. Bryant was confined to his bed a day or so this week, with cold. We are glad to say he is able to be at his store. Later, since the above was put in type, Mr. Bryant has again been confined to his bed.

Court Today.

Judge Wills and States Attorney Calhoun are here, and the fall term of the Alachua circuit court will convene here today.

There will not be as heavy a docket as usual for this county. No murder cases at all, except two, or possibly three that have been on the docket a long time.

States Attorney Calhoun is said to be a power, and some good work by him is looked for when the grand jury gets to investigating blind tiger cases. The sentiment of the people of Alachua county has been shown in no uncertain way with reference to liquor selling, and if the courts, states attorney and jurors will do their duty for a while Alachua county can be redeemed from her past shame.

The Tillman Trial.

If there is to be any attention paid to evidence in the J. H. Tillman trial now going on in South Carolina, the murderer of Editor Gonzales will have to hang, or go to the penitentiary for life, yet many believe he will receive but little punishment for the murder of Gonzales. Tillman can not come clear if the jury is composed of honest men.

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Circuit court convenes here today.

W. M. Birch of Santa Fe was in Gainesville Saturday.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dry Works. July 14, if

Capt. N. A. Callison made a business trip to Jacksonville last week.

Col. T. E. Owens spent a few days last week with a friend in Jacksonville.

C. Brinkley of Jacksonville was transacting business in the city Saturday.

House for Rent—Furnished or unfurnished at 1303 W. Court St. Apply Star office.

Hon. T. C. Bryant, county commissioner from the West end, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mixson of Williston, were among the Levy county people in town yesterday.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 13 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at The Star office.

W. A. Dunnagan and little son, Oscar, were in the city yesterday, and paid the Star office a pleasant call.

E. W. Milligan, Waldo, and J. B. Padgett, Paradise, both naval stores men, were in the city Saturday.

Col. J. W. Patton has returned from the Suwannee river section where he went to do some surveying.

Mrs. J. M. Haile and children have returned from North Carolina, where they spent the summer months.

Fresh meats, groceries and vegetables Call, send me your orders or 'phone for what you want, J. G. Harold, Phone No. 25.

Mr. R. A. Becker is having some trouble with his eyes, but his friends hope that his sight will not be seriously affected.

Just received—a beautiful new pattern in china, call and examine and get our prices before purchasing elsewhere. L. G. Smith.

A large number of people from the West end, and other sections of the county came in yesterday to be here at court today.

If you want money to buy a home, build a house, or pay off a mortgage, or a contract for profitable investment see Moyers.

Work on the foundation of the Episcopal church building, which we are told is to be the finest church building in the city, is progressing nicely.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

Mr. Robert Wixson, one of Windsor's most highly respected citizens was in the city last night and paid The Star office a visit and renewed his subscription to the paper.

When you buy a parasol, buy a good one—even if it does cost a little more. And at that, the prices on ours are by no means high. L. G. Smith.

Major W. R. Thomas left Saturday for Kentucky, where he will purchase another car load of horses and mules. The load he brought but little more than a week ago sold rapidly.

FOR SALE. A beautiful soda font, in perfect order, and very cheap. Any one wishing a bargain should come to The Star office and see this font.

Col. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Graves, of North Gainesville, returned Saturday from Tampa, where they went on a pleasure trip. Col. Palmer also visited Punta Gorda, on legal business.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs.

P. M. Ramsey and R. S. Bradley, Wacahoota; Capt. and Mrs. V. J. Herlong, Bellamy; Prof. N. B. Mott, High Springs; and Prof. O. M. Tillman, Rex, were among the business visitors to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryant of Alachua, arrived in the city a few days ago, and are guests of Mrs. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jackson. Mr. Bryant has been ill for some time and it is hoped that the change will benefit him.

Hon. Jas. E. Alexander, candidate for Congress, is in the city. He says some paper has said that the race for congress would be between Barrs and Dougherty, but that paper was mistaken. He says the race will be between Fildes and himself.

Harvey L. Hutchinson, one of the cleverest and most popular drummers on the road, spent Saturday and Sunday with his better three-fourths in this city. Mr. Hutchinson is representing the Hammond Packing Co., but Gainesville is his headquarters.

Hon. E. L. Johnson, county commissioner from Hope, spent a while in the city last week helping to inspect the road machinery. Mr. Johnson, like the other commissioners, wants to know that the machine is what was claimed for it before it is accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tompkins are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine daughter in their home. This being the first one Mr. Tompkins will bear watching for a few days. He is all right on ordinary occasions, but we can't tell just exactly how he will take this affair.

Dr. T. P. Thomas is back in business again—was out but a few days—and he looks as natural as ever. He severed his connection with the T. P. Thomas Hardware and Seed Co. only a few days ago, but almost immediately thereafter he went into business with his brother, S. I. Thomas, and they will now do the best seed and furniture business in town.

Hon. Jno. G. Dampier, county commissioner from Hague, was in the city Saturday. He came from his home, to meet the other commissioners and the road machine people near Paradise, where the machine was to be tested again Saturday, but there was no test that day and Mr. Dampier came on to Gainesville.

The Yankess of Portugal. "Observe them, senor," said a hotel keeper in Lisbon to one of his English guests. "They are the Yankess of Portugal."

He indicated a group of Brazilians, consisting of a prosperous sugar planter, his wife, who literally blazed with diamonds, and two pretty daughters. "They regard Portugal as their 'old country' for they broke away from us as the Americans broke away from you. They make immense fortunes in Brazil and come here to spend them, just as the American millionaires go to England."

How a Chinaman Buys Eggs. Many Chinamen frequent Philippine markets and are good patrons, as many have restaurants and need large supplies. A Chinaman usually buys a number of eggs and always carries with him to market a small tin pail full of water to test their usefulness.

If the egg falls to the bottom of the pail it is good; if it rises to the top it is bad and is returned, only to be carefully wiped off by the vender and put back in stock to catch a customer without the pail.

Identity of Ideas. Yabley—I have always had an idea that after a couple had been married for some time even their thoughts became to a great degree identical. Am I right, Peck?

Mr. N. Peck—You are. About this time my wife is thinking over what she'll say to me for coming home so late, and so am I.

Helping Men. Intrepid Widow—Speaking of conundrums, Mr. Bloom, here's a good one. Why is the letter "d" like a wedding ring?

Procrastinating Bachelor—Oh, I'm no good at conundrums.

Intrepid Widow—You give it up? Why, because "we" can't be "wed" without it!

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THE STAR is the PEOPLE'S paper, and will advocate such candidates for office as the editor conscientiously believes are the people's best friends when principle, experience and ability are all considered, and, while friendly suggestions are always welcomed, the policy of THE STAR will be controlled only by its editor and proprietor.

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